

**REMARKS**

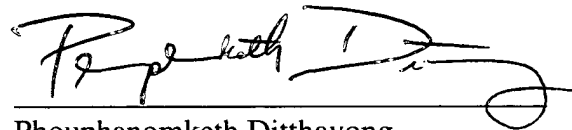
By this amendment, claims 2-41 are pending, in which claim 1 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 2-41 are newly presented. No new matter is introduced.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 425-8508 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**AMENDMENT TO DRAWINGS**

A separate letter has been sent to the Official Draftsperson requesting that the attached FIGs. 9(a) and 9(b) be substituted for the originally filed FIGs. 9(a) and 9(b). The purpose of the substitution is to provide descriptive labels; support for these labels is found on pages 22 and 23 of the specification.